

REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)
Attorney Docket: 056209.52219C1

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a X continuation or divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 10/390,771
Filed on March 19, 2003
Of Shiro Yamaoka et al.

Entitled: Control Apparatus And Control Method For Multi-Cylinder Engine
Examiner: Andrew Dollinar
Group: 3747

X 1. Accompanying this order is a new specification that does not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application.
Total pages of specification, claims and abstract: 46

X 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 7 sheet(s), depicting Figures 1-10.

X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. X Copy from prior application
 - i. Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

— 5. Small entity status:

- A small entity statement is enclosed
- A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on ____ in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- Is no longer claimed

6. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee			\$385		\$770	
Total Claims	2	-	20 = 0	x	9 = \$	18 = \$ 00.00
Ind. Claims	1	-	3 = 0	x	43 = \$	86 = \$ 00.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				+	145 = \$	290 = \$
				Total	\$	\$ 770.00

— 7. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #____) in the amount of \$____.

8. A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

9. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056209.52219C1).

10. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/390,771, filed March 19, 2003.--

11. Priority of Appln. No(s). 2002-270634, filed in Japan on September 17, 2002, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

12. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 10/390,771 on March 19, 2003.

13. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd..

14. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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- a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- d. Address all future correspondence to:

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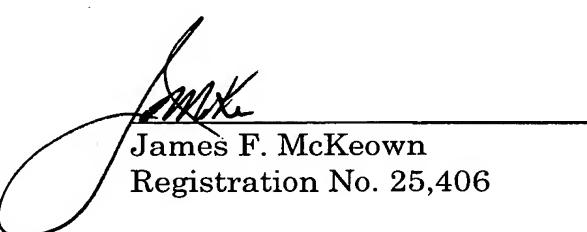
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- 15. Copies of Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- 16. Return Receipt Postcard.
- 17. Other: _____

Respectfully submitted,

April 22, 2004


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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	To Be Assigned
Filing Date	April 22, 2004
First Named Inventor	Shiro YAMAOKA
Examiner Name	Andrew Dollinar
Art Unit	3747
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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Deposit Account Number	05-1323
Deposit Account Name	Crowell & Moring LLP

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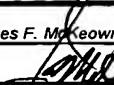
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